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PLAYERS WHO HAVE ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL FANDOM THIS SEASON.



VETERANS YOUNG AND M'GINNITY ARE STILL THE KING TWIRLERS

Their Work on the Rubber Has Been Sensational Since Their Debut in Baseball—The "Iron Man" Has Developed "Raise" Ball That Has Foiled Famous Batsmen—Young's Remarkable Feat Against Athletics the Sensation of the Game—"Cy's" Comical Appearance in First Match Crowd's Jeers.

Like Tennyson's brook, pitchers may come and pitchers may go, but there are only two in the business who appear to have a chance to continue.

The pair with the chance for continued usefulness are "Cy" Young of the Boston Americans, and Joseph J. McGinnity of the New York "Giants."

Both are veterans, but managers of the American and National leagues consider them the most useful pair in harness to-day.

And each of the major leagues can claim one of these heroes.

McGinnity is perhaps the most useful twirler in the National League to-day. He is a marvel physically.

True there are twirlers in the parent body that can pitch more brilliantly at times than the "Iron Man," but for endurance and ability to go the route McGinnity is conceded to be the peer of all the National League twirlers.

"Cy" Young occupies practically the same position in the American League. And they use different methods to secure their ends.

"Cy" Young is the bruising speed merchant. He can send the ball across the pen so fast that it resembles a peewee when it reaches the batter. On dark days Young is invincible. Of course he is great at all times, but he is at his best when gloom hovers about the field.

Joe McGinnity is a student. He labors hard for all his results. He has not the

speed of Young, but what he lacks in speed he makes up in craft.

McGinnity's fight for fame.

McGinnity has not seen nearly as much service as has Young. Joe began his fight for fame about six years ago, at a time when Young was at the height of a brilliant career on the diamond.

In 1898 McGinnity pitched a remarkable twenty-one inning game and won. In 1899 Joe's great work held the Baltimore Orioles in a high place in the race for the flag.

During 1900 he pitched the Superbas of Brooklyn into a championship by winning five games in six playing days. At this particular time the Pirates were making a bold bid for the honors that Brooklyn longed for, and only by sending McGinnity into the breach was Hanlon able to land the honors.

Besides this, the lion-hearted "Mack" offered to pitch every remaining game to keep the Brooklyn team in the lead.

Last year McGinnity established a record that will probably never be surpassed in baseball.

During the season of 1903 Joe won three double-headers.

And the beauty about the Iron Man is his ability to last. Up to the present time this season McGinnity has easily pitched more winning, if less brilliant, games of baseball than any other man in the National League.

McGinnity is just 37 years old. He was born in Rock Island in March, 1872. Joe began his baseball career just eleven

years ago with the Montgomery, Ala. team.

The following year found Joe on the slab for the Kansas City team, but strangely enough, the "Iron Man" had to give up the game on account of ill health.

PITCHED FOR SPRINGFIELD.

During 1895, 1896 and 1897 Joe pitched for the Springfield team of Springfield, Ill. To supplement his income, Joe worked in an "ice-mill" during the days his team wasn't playing, and probably this is where he secured the sobriquet of the "Iron Man."

For five years the "Iron Man," with the sole idea of eventual success in his head, worked to perfect his famous underhand "raise" ball. This is his mainstay to-day and is one style of delivery that fools nearly all the batters of the National League.

McGinnity's under-hand delivery is considered more effective by critics of the game than any other style, and it is claimed for it by its champions that it is less wearing on the pitcher's arm.

Joe is a pitcher who exhausts less energy in a game than any other pitcher in the National League. He puts the ball over and depends on his fielders.

In 1899 Joe was pitching against the Philadelphia Nationals. A catcher on that team used a strong spy glass to catch the signals used by McGinnity and Robison. But the "Iron Man" baffled them by pitching without signals, and, although Ed Delehanty, the "Only Del," and Napoleon La Jolie, two of the greatest hitters the world has ever known, played with the Phillies that season, the "Iron Man" beat them two games in one day and in their own ballparks.

Withal McGinnity bears his honors modestly, and is one of the most popular workmen in baseball to-day.

He is also a saving chap and owns an interest in an iron foundry at South McAlester, I. T. his home city.

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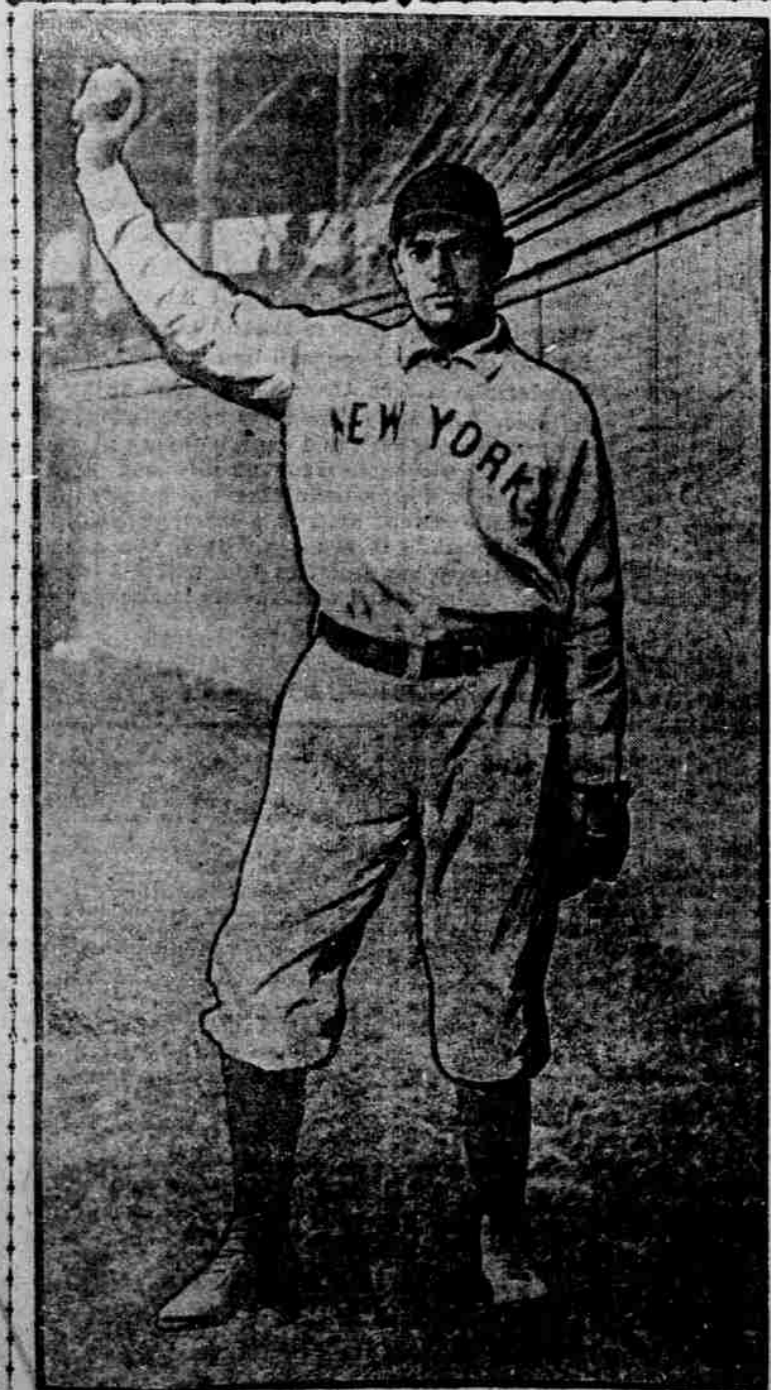
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JOHNNY KLING

fought for sixteen innings, at the end of which Young was returned a winner.

In twelve consecutive innings Young allowed the St. Louis team only two hits.

During the early nineties, Young shut out the Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland and did not allow them a hit.

In three successive years Young has pitched three fifteen-inning games against Detroit.

His first game of this kind was pitched at Boston. Young was opposed by Roscoe Miller, now with the Pirates, and won by a score of 2 to 1.

During the season of 1903 Young, twirling against "Win" Mercer, beat Detroit in a fifteen-inning battle by a score of 4 to 1.

And on May 11 of this year Young again went the full fifteen innings against Detroit, beating them 1 to 0. Killian, a youngster, opposed him and did great work.

During different seasons pitchers have appeared who have outclassed Young or McGinnity, but the only man who can dispute their right to title to king of pitchers is "Kid" Nichols, who was out of the major league for two seasons.

During the time that he was in the major league, Nichols could be called the equal of either McGinnity or Young, but the two years that he was in the minors lost for him his chance for the scepter.

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